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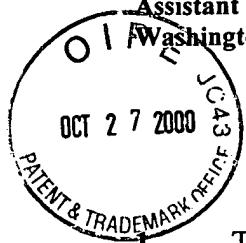
In re application of: **Lannie L. Dietle**
Jeffrey D. Gobeli

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 SHAFT SEALING MECHANISM

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 Examiner: Cottingham, J.

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 Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmittal herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete, as applicable)

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Extension <u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
[] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[] two months	\$ 380.00	\$ 190.00
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Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL * 31	MINUS ** 30	= 1	x\$9 = \$ 108.00	x\$18 = \$9	
INDEP. * 3	MINUS *** 3	= 0	x\$39 = \$ 9.00	x\$78 = \$	
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CLAIM					
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE
			\$ 9.00		\$0.00

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col 3.

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(complete (c) or (d), as applicable).

[] No additional fee for claims is required.

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

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Dear Sir:

Subject to the approval of the examiner in charge of the present application, applicants hereby substitute the attached sheet of formal drawings illustrating Fig. 5 for the corresponding sheet of drawings originally filed. Applicants have also attached a photocopy of the original drawing sheet containing Fig. 5, which has been marked in red to show lead line changes to correct errors in the drawings originally filed. In the corrected drawings, the lead lines for

reference numerals 50, 102, 46 and 96 have been changed to point to the respective sliding seals of the laterally translatable seal carriers 30 and 26. Approval of these lead line changes is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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